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SUBJ: CIVAIR: AIR FRANCE 747 ACCIDENT AT BOMBAY

1.FRANTZEN OF GOF SECRETARIAT GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION (SGAC) CONTACTED EMBASSY JUNE 12 RE AIR FRANCE 747 ACCIDENT AT BOMBAY. WHILE AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN OPERATED BY AIR FRANCE, IT HAD BEEN LEASED AIRCRAFT THAT WAS STILL UNDER US REGISTRY. UNDER ICAO REGULATIONS, STATE IN WHICH AIRCRAFT WAS REGISTERED AS WELL AS STATE IN WHICH AIRCRAFT WAS CONSTRUCTED WERE INVITED PARTICIPATE IN ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION, AND IN BOTH CASES THIS WAS US. UNDER ICAO REGS FRANCE, STRICTLY SPEAKING, WHICH WAS COUNTRY THAT HAD OPERATED AIRCRAFT, DID NOT HAVE CLAIM TO PARTICIPATE IN INVESTIGATION.

2. FRANTZEN SAID THAT OF COURSE DECISION RESTED WITH INDIAN AUTHORITIES AND AS OF THIS STAGE GOF DID NOT KNOW WHAT INDIAN VIEWS WOULD BE. GOF DID FEEL,
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HOWEVER, THAT ITS PARTICIPATION WAS ESSENTIAL BECAUSE

OF QUESTIONS RELATED TO MAINTENANCE AND UTILIZATION OF THE AIRCRAFT THAT WOULD CERTAINLY BE CRUCIAL TO THE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION. THEREFORE' WITHOUT KNOWING WHETHER HE WOULD BE WELCOME OR NOT BY INDIAN AUTHORITIES, REP FROM SGAC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION STAFF WOULD BE DEPARTING FOR BOMBAY JUNE 13 AM IN ORDER BE ON HAND IF HIS SERVICES WERE DESIRED. FRANTZEN SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT NTSB AND INDIAN AUTHORITIES HAD ALREADY BEEN IN CONTACT AND HE HOPED THAT NTSB WOULD AS NECESSARY SUPPORT FRENCH ROLE IN ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION.

3. WE INFORMED FRANTZEN THAT WE WOULD PROMPTLY REPORT HIS VIEWS TO NTSB AS WELL AS TO OUR POSTS CONCERNED IN INDIA. WHILE WE TOO AT THIS STAGE WERE NOT INFORMED OF WHAT ATTITUDE OF INDIAN AUTHORITIES IN CHARGE OF ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION WOULD BE, WE ASSUMED THAT THEY WERE ANXIOUS DETERMINE SOONEST CAUSES OF ACCIDENT, WHICH WOULD CERTAINLY APPEAR REQUIRE PARTICIPATION IN INVESTIGATION BY REPS OF OPERATOR OF AIRCRAFT, AND WE WERE CONFIDENT THAT NTSB WOULD SUPPORT THIS CONCLUSION TO EXTENT ITS VIEWS MIGHT BE SOUGHT BY INDIAN AUTHORITIES.

4. COMMENT: IT IS OBVIOUS THAT SGAC IS SOMEWHAT CONCERNED THAT APPARENTLY IT HAS NOT BEEN CONTACTED CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN INVESTIGATION OR EVEN REGARDING DESPATCH OF ITS REPS TO SCENE OF ACCIDENT. GIVEN US REGISTRY OF AIRCRAFT, WE THINK THAT THIS IS SOMETHING USG CAN LEGITIMATELY RAISE WITH INDIANS ON FRENCH BEHALF THROUGH NTSB AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL, AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY READING OF INDIAN ATTITUDE THAT WE CAN RELAY BACK TO FRANTZEN.
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